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LETTER REGARDING THE PROGRESS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY WORK PLAN NAS WHITING FIELD FL
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The Honorable Clyde Gracey
Mayor of Milton
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Dear Mayor Gracey,

I'd like to update you on our continuous progress in the ongoing environmental actions taking place at NAS Whiting Field.

Recently, phase one of the proposed two phase Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) was begun at Whiting. The goal of the RI/FS is to study the conditions at the 18 former waste disposal sites identified in the preliminary investigation that took place in 1988. The RI/FS will define any problems that may exist and, if necessary, alternative site cleanup methods will then be evaluated.

Current activities of the Remedial Investigation include environmental sampling to characterize site conditions. The groundwater, surface water, surface sediment, and soil samples will be analyzed and compiled in a database which will be used to evaluate cleanup (remedial) alternatives during the Feasibility Study. These activities are being directed, on behalf of NAS Whiting Field, by the Southern Division of the Naval Engineering Facilities Command. An environmental engineering firm, ABB Environmental Services, Inc., has been contracted to perform the RI/FS.

Two phases of investigative studies at NAS Whiting Field have already been completed. The Preliminary Assessment identified 18 potential sites, and the Site Inspection collected preliminary field data on the sites. Both studies supplied essential information to the RI/FS planning process.

Currently, Whiting Field is not one of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Priority List (NPL) or "Superfund" sites. However, all site investigations are being conducted in accordance with EPA and Florida guidelines.

A Technical Review Committee (TRC) was formed in 1989 to allow input from EPA, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, local agencies, and Santa Rosa County representatives, all of whom are involved in reviewing and commenting on the ongoing investigation and remediation process.

Additionally, a Community Relations Plan (CRP) has been developed and is currently undergoing review at Whiting Field. This plan outlines the various ways in which the Santa Rosa community is involved in the ongoing investigations and remediations at Whiting Field. In order to ensure that the needs of the community were addressed by the CRP, interviews with local officials were conducted last year. The CRP will identify activities to keep the community informed of project activity and progress as well as describe opportunities for community involvement in the decision making process.

Details of the CRP and other project information are available for public review at the Information Repository at the Public Affairs Office, Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Current plans call for the establishment of additional Information Repositories at local libraries.

Thanks for your continuing interest and support. We will strive to keep you informed of our progress and milestones achieved through the course of this project. Should you require further information, or if we may otherwise assist you, please call or write my project point of contact:

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Sincerely,

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